Yawn!

Salle de
Bain

Ah, good morning, uncle Andreas!
How are you today?
Two months.

It took me two whole months to grow it.
And now, a simple distraction and...

Pfffthaha!
What have you done?!

I was trimming it, but my mind was on other things and somehow...

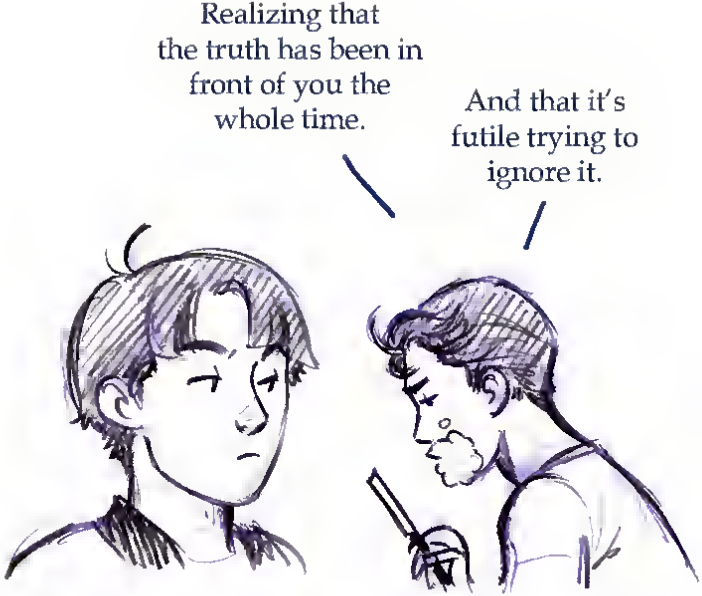
Please, please, please, leave it like that, it's beautiful.

Laugh, but you'll see this is not a funny matter when your own facial hair begins to grow.

Excuse me, but I've been shaving for a year now and I've never had a single problem.

Look at this smooth complexion.

Of course, since you haven't any concerns.
You don't spend the night overthinking the things that worry you.


Realizing that the truth has been in front of you the whole time.
And that it's futile trying to ignore it.

There comes a time when a man has got to do something.

But what should he do?
Roll the dice?
Be prudent?

A bad decision could spoil everything.

What...
what are you
talking about?

Grown-up things.
A boy like you wouldn't understand.
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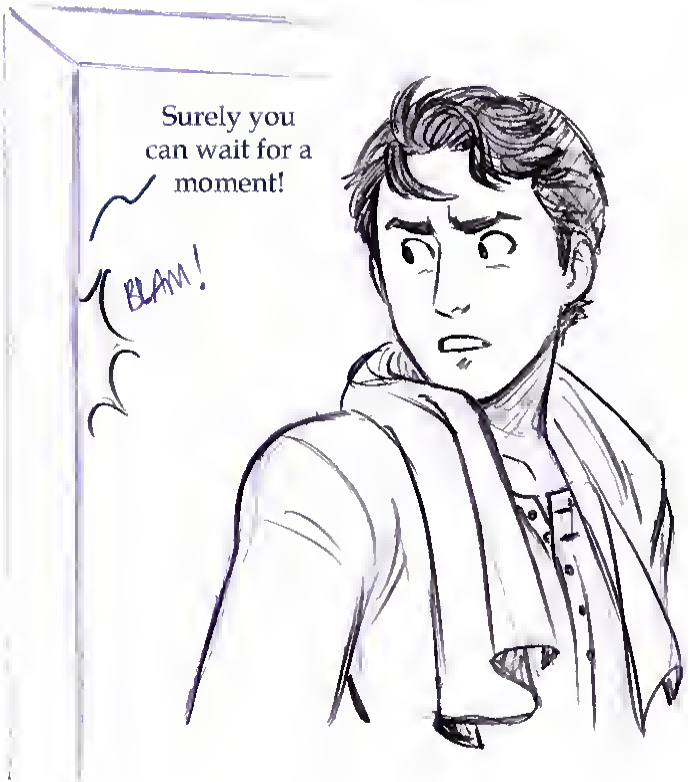
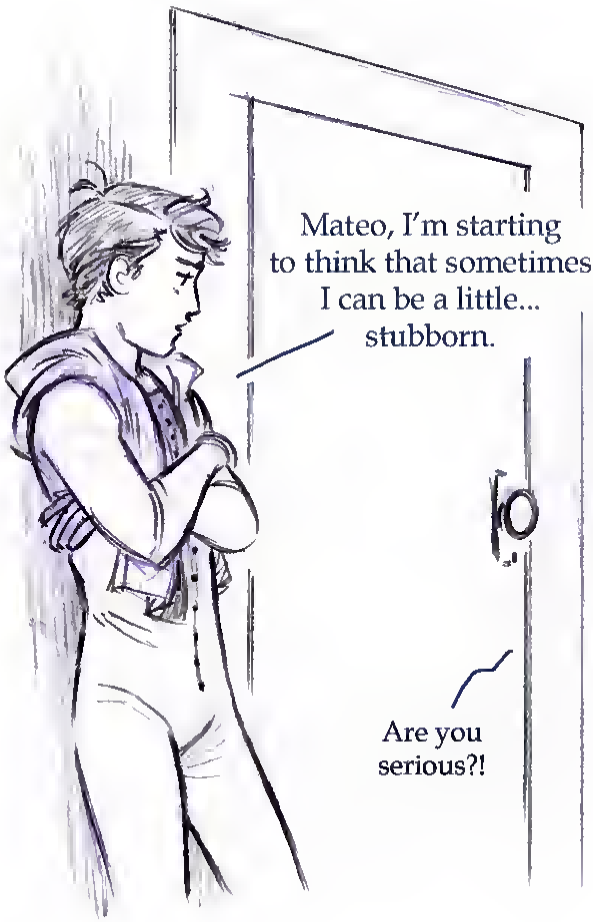
Fine! Since I'm not mature enough to help you, get out the bathroom!
There are *immature* people here who need to use it.
But I haven't finished-


Surely you can wait for a moment!
BLAM!


Mateo, I'm starting to think that sometimes I can be a little... stubborn.
Are you serious?!

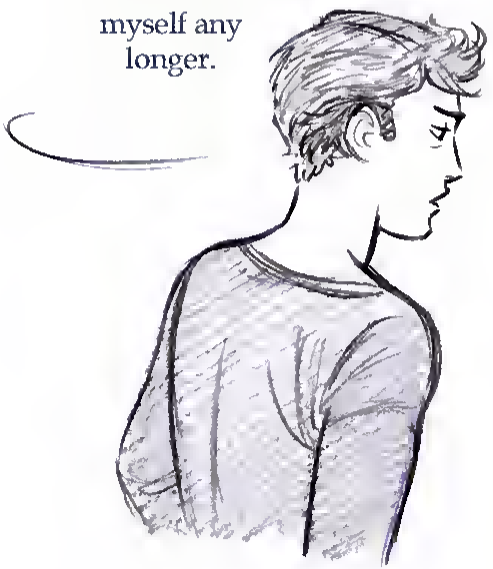
Yes, I'm not like you...

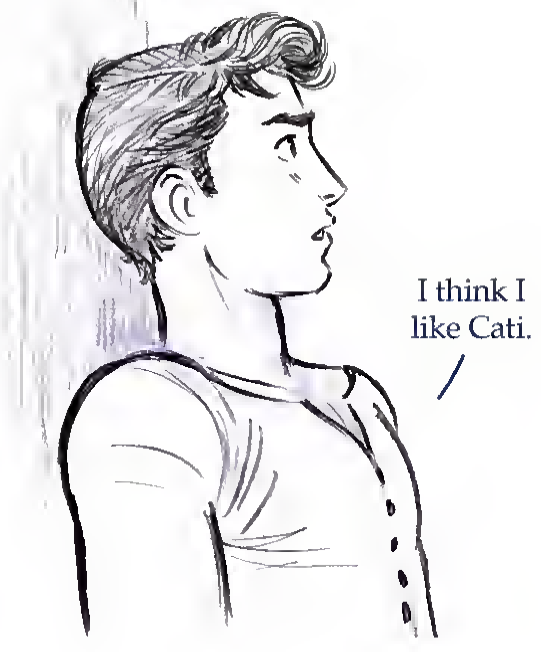
... a reckless boy who bunks school and falls in love with every stranger he meets.

Hey!
I need time to *think* about things, to take all the consequences into account.

I suppose that's why I refused to see what was happening...

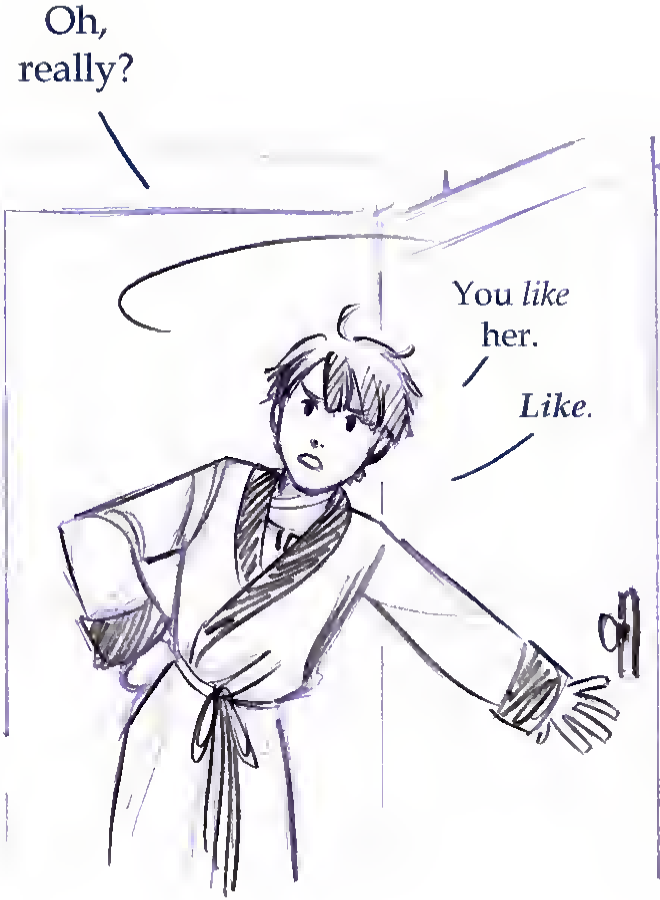
But I'm tired of that, and I won't lie to myself any longer.




I think I
like Cati.

I'm almost
sure.

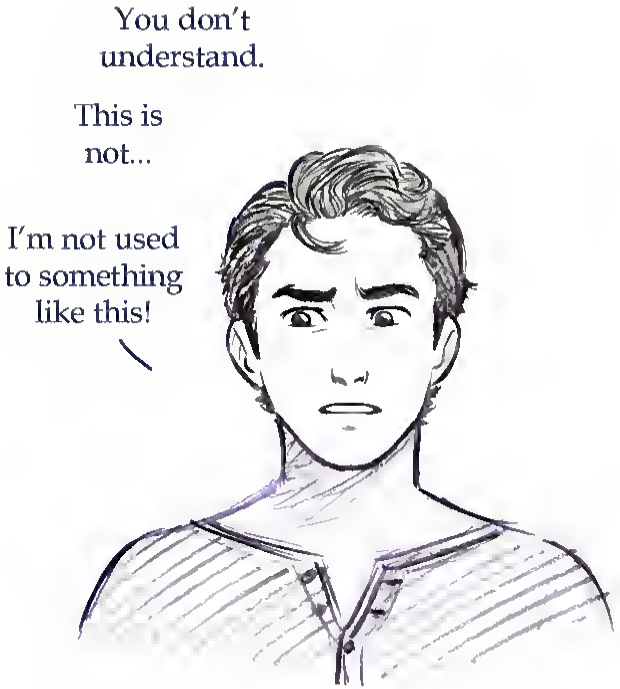
Well, I'm completely sure.


Oh, really?
You *like* her.
Like.

Yes, and I have to do something about that.
All right, but you don't have to be so solemn. Let's have breakfast and talk about-

My world is **collapsing** and you think about having breakfast?!
This is an urgent matter!

Pfft! You've had a crush on her for a while now, what's the urgency?


You don't understand.
This is not...
I'm not used to something like this!

Yes, but I thought you said...
... you didn't want to change your boring life for something as silly as love.

I know, but I had a lot of time to think whilst I was away.
And after *what she said*...
Did she tell you something at the Christmas party?!
Did she **confess** to you?!

She said that she...
missed me...
That she missed me a **lot**...

What?

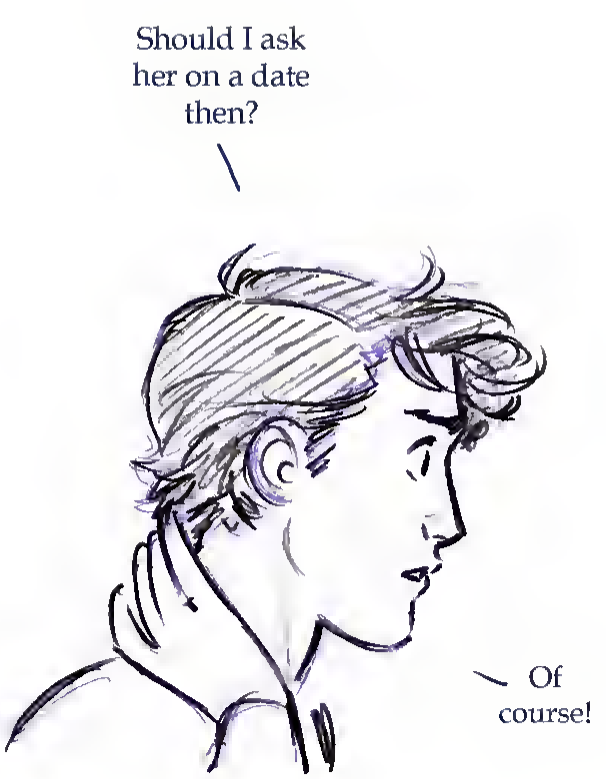
Wow, that's definitely...

... *something*.

Consider the **context**, you oaf!!!
Hahaha! I'm sorry, I shouldn't make fun of a man so deeply in love!

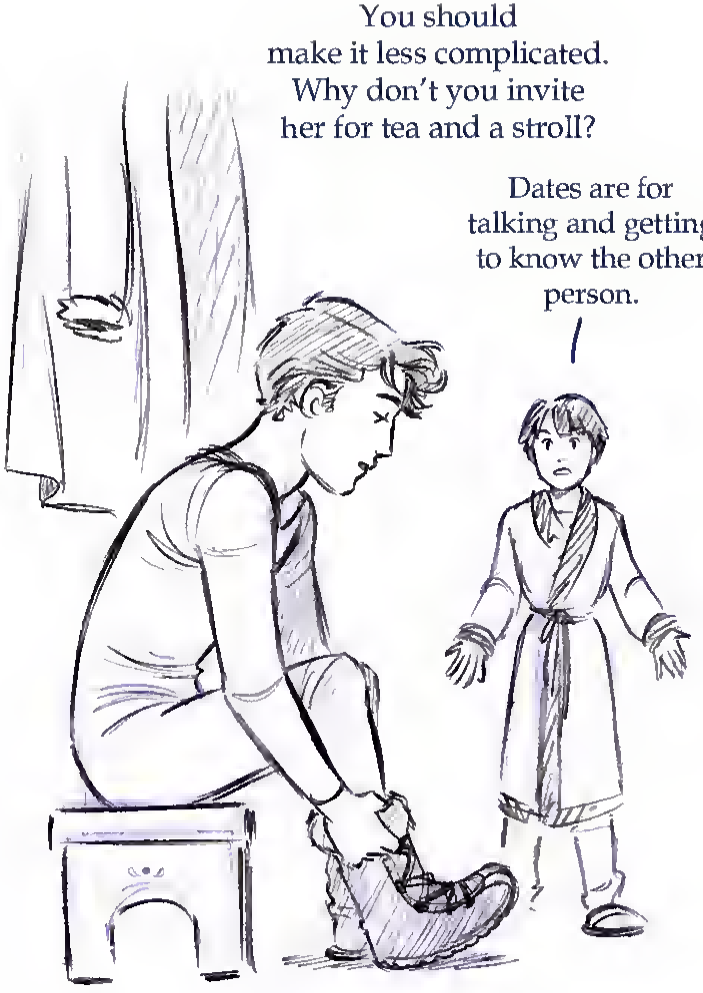
Hold on, I didn't use *that word.*
It's too early to know if...
Look, there are so many things that I don't know about her...
We haven't even had a proper date.

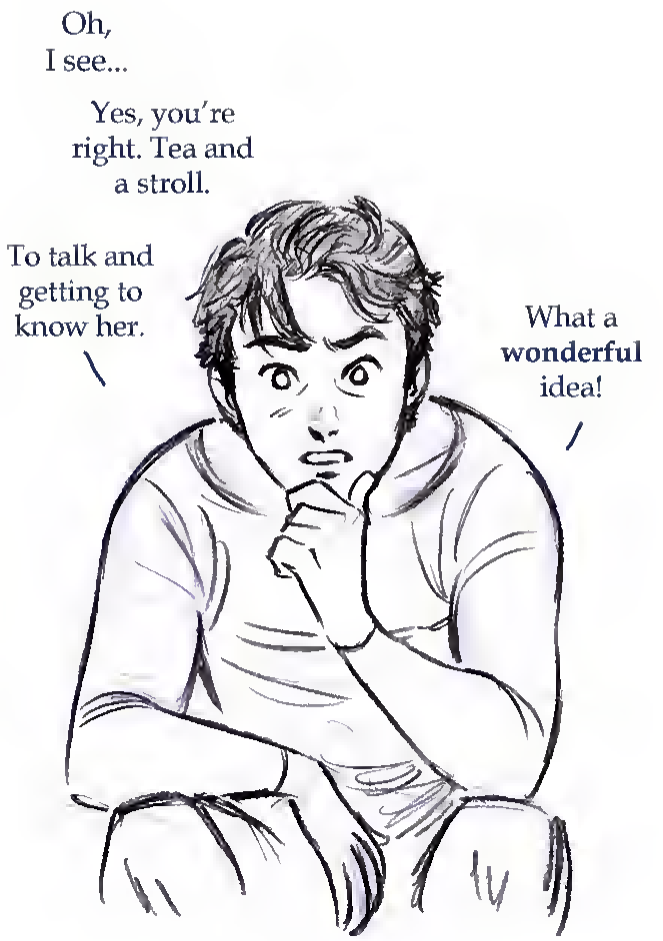
Well, it's about time, don't you think?
I guess...

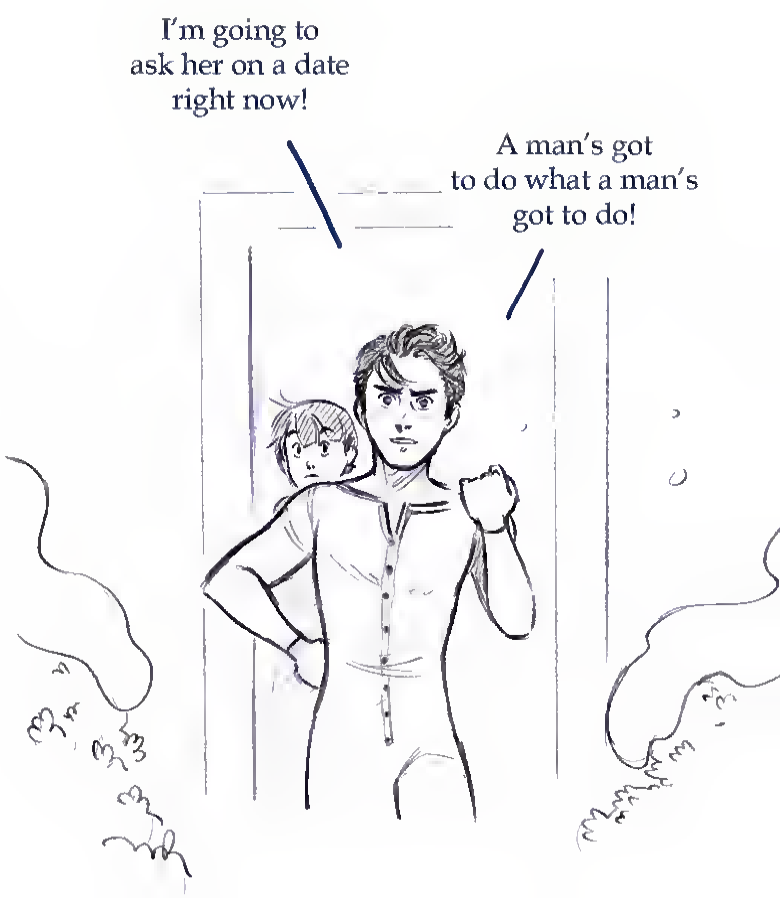

Should I ask her on a date then?
Of course!

I could take her to the opera and, after that, a fine restaurant.
That's what people do, yes.

It's perfect!
Perfect!
But...
Wait, uncle.


You should make it less complicated. Why don't you invite her for tea and a stroll?
Dates are for talking and getting to know the other person.


Oh,
I see...
Yes, you're right. Tea and a stroll.
To talk and getting to know her.
What a **wonderful** idea!

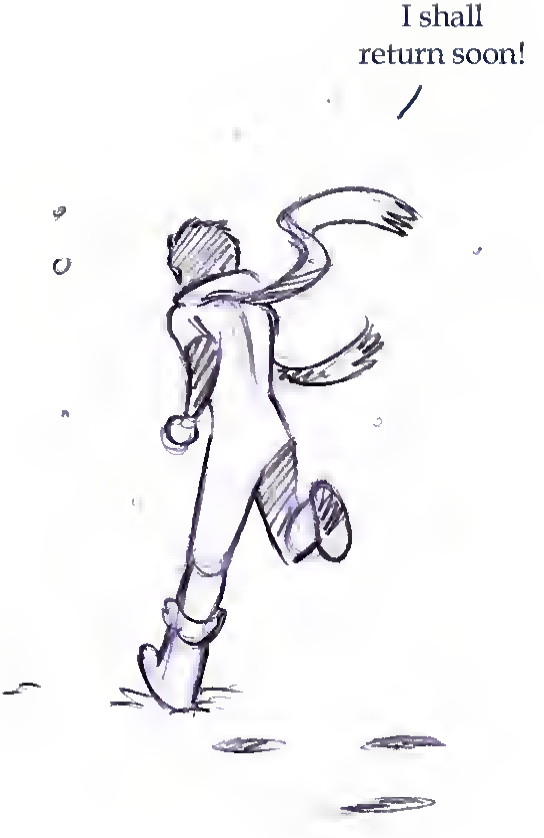

I'm going to ask her on a date right now!
A man's got to do what a man's got to do!

Thank you for your advice, nephew.
I am in your debt.
Do you intend to go *like that*?

Ha!
Don't be silly,
it's snowing.

Have a little faith in your uncle!

But...


I shall
return soon!

And now let's answer a little FAQ!

1. How should I pronounce Cati?

-It's Cat-e. When I was in Kindergarten there was this sweet teacher called Cati and I took the name from her. I never knew her full name, but probably Cati was short for Catalina. It definitely was NOT a variation of Catherine, so the correct pronunciation is Cat-e and not Katie.

2. Is Doctor Marino british?

-No. And yes. I don't mind where this story is set. In the 19th Century (we're in a not-too-accurate 1895) people dressed the same almost anywhere. So this could be Spain, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Australia, anywhere in the USA, anywhere in Latin America... It could be even in some parts of Africa and Asia. I chose the surname Abbott in a whim and the fact that the comic is in English is only due to that I translated it to reach as many readers as possible.

I write all the dialogues in Spanish, so when you ask me if they have british or american accent I'm like... whatever you want, pal, to me they speak in Spanish. XD

3. So glad the mustache is gone! I hated it!

-Well, it will return. Just because I got tired and bored of your complaints.

4. Am I the only one who thinks...?

-Of course not. Read the comments section. You're NEVER the only one.

Loviu! See you next week!

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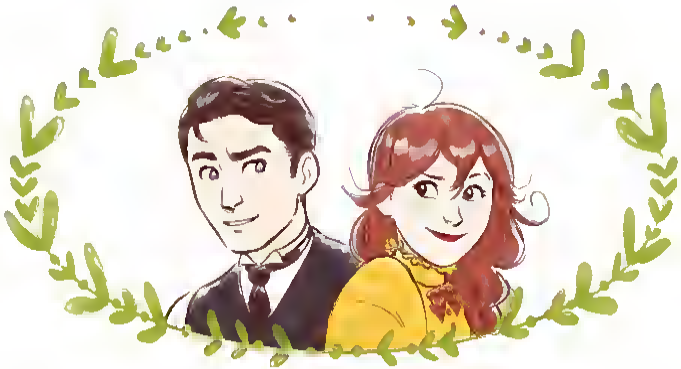

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